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SUBJECT: OBSERVER ARTICLE ON US-UK PLANS FOR RHODESIA

1. JULY 18 EDITION OF LONDON'S SUNDAY "OBSERVER"
NEWSPAPER CARRIED THE FOLLOWING FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE
BY DAVID MARTIN FROM DAR ES SALAAM ENTITLED:
"US TO UK: OUST SMITH:"

2. "UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY
KISSINGER, IS URGING THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO INTERVENE
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MILITARILY IN RHODESIA AND RETURN THE COUNTRY TO

CONSTITUTIONAL RULE, ACCORDING TO SOURCES HERE.

"THE SOURCES MAINTAIN THAT THIS MOVE, WHICH WOULD HAVE AMERICAN SUPPORT, IS PART OF A SECRET SOUTHERN AFRICA STRATEGY WHICH DR. KISSINGER HAS WORKED OUT IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS.

"DR. KISSINGER IS, THEY SAY, TRYING TO BRING A SWIFT END TO THE SMITH REGIME IN THE HOPE OF PREVENTING ANOTHER REVOLUTIONARY GUERRILLA MOVEMENT COMING TO POWER LIKE THOSE IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE.

"THE US HAS HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN STATES BEFORE AND SINCE DR. KISSINGER'S AFRICAN TOUR, AND IS NOW UNDERSTOOD TO BE ACTIVELY LOBBYING THESE AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO PRESS BRITAIN TO SEND TROOPS INTO RHODESIA.

"LAST SUNDAY THE US ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, MR. WILLIAM SCHAUFELLE, HAD A 90-MINUTE PRIVATE MEETING HERE WITH TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE. THE AMERICAN ENVOY HAS ALSO VISITED BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA, ZAIRE AND IVORY COAST. HE IS NOW IN SENEGAL.

"DR. KISSINGER'S ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT THE STRATEGY AND PUT PRESSURE ON BRITAIN IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE. ANY BRITISH INTERVENTION AT THIS TIME HE WOULD SEE AS AN ATTEMPT TO REPLACE IAN SMITH WITH AFRICANS ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST WHO WOULD CONFRONT THE FREEDOM-FIGHTERS."

3. THE "OBSERVER" ATTACHED TO THE ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING BRIEF ADDENDUM BY COLIN LEGUM: "THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO ANY MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN RHODESIA. SUCH AN IDEA, I UNDERSTAND, HAS NOT EVEN BEEN MENTIONED IN TALKS BETWEEN DR. KISSINGER AND MR. CALLAGHAN."

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